ARLINGTON HALL STATION, BUILDING 305 4000 Arlington Boulevard Arlington County Virginia

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Location:

Located in the southeast quadrant of Arlington Hall Station at the intersection of Second and C Streets. Arlington Hall Station is located at 4000 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.

Significance:

Constructed in I942 as a storage building, Building 305 was part of the initial building campaign initiated by the U.S. Army at Arlington Hall Station, formerly Arlington Hall Junior College (I927-I942). It is associated with the nationally significant development of Arlington Hall Station as the headquarters of United States Army intelligence activities during World War II. (For overview of Arlington Hall Station, see HABS No. VA-I270).

Description:

Building 305 is a rectangular, one-story concrete block building measuring approximately 100 feet by 45 feet. The shingled gable roof extends over a loading dock with hinged doors on the southwest facade that measures approximately 100 feet by 10 feet. The roof is supported on the southwest by steel pipe columns. The gabled ends contain large, rectangular, louvered vents. The northeast facade contains three metal overhead doors. The northwest and southeast end facades contains small concrete stoops with simple metal doors set into a metal frame. The interior is divided into two rooms.

History:

Building 305 was constructed in I942 as a storage facility and has continued in that function to the present time. In I962 a chain link fence was installed adjacent to the building creating a secure outdoor storage area. Other alterations in I962 included new siding and a loading platform. In 1983 the building underwent extensive alterations including new masonry work, installation of a new concrete floor, and extension of the gable roof over the loading dock. Currently the building serves as a construction warehouse including a fenced yard for the storage of equipment and materials.

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